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The life and work of Zora Neale Hurston, an African American writer and a folklorist (1891-1960), are described for children aged 10 years and older. Emphasis is placed on the author's childhood in rural Florida and her struggles to receive an education. Over the course of her career, Hurston, a trained folklorist, collected two volumes of black folklore, and wrote four novels, an autobiography, and numerous short stories and essays. Relatively less emphasis is placed on her writings, but they are described for children as a celebration of the African American spirit. A chronology outlines Hurston's life, and an epilogue tells of her recognition in recent years. (SLD)

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